

**DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**January, 2010**

The DBYS January 2010 monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 PM, in the Amity Intermediate Center cafeteria. The following DBYS Board members were present: *Mike Dekker, Traci Huddleson, Brian DeMild, Lisa Miller and Camille Hayes.*

League members also in attendance included: *Ben Marchese, Greg Whelan, Barry Diamond, Mike Andre, Dave Gutekunst, Jeff Conkle, Tom Cote, Harvey Pickell, Adam Winger, Beth Yoder, Scott Yorgey, Rick Koniow, Jay Hall, Russell Shaner, Dave Guadagno, Steve Williams, Rob Kurtz, Brian Linsenbigler, Jim Dina, Chuck Schilling, Tom Heffner, John Bologna and Wayne Dotterweich.*

**Call To Order:** President Mike Dekker called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** Tom Cote made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the December 2009 meeting. Wayne Dotterweich seconded the motion. All meeting minutes can be found online at: <http://dbys.baberuthonline.com>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009).

Checking Account:	\$ 43,751.02
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,973.58
Petty Cash:	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Bank Acct Bal:</b>	<b>\$ 50,924.60</b>

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Brian Linsenbigler and seconded by Tom Cote.

**Softball/Buddy Ball Report:** Softball Director Traci Huddleson reported current registration numbers for softball/Buddy Ball as follows:

- **8U: 55 players (5 teams)**
- **10U: 42 players (4 teams)**
- **12U: 21 players (2 teams)**
- **14U: 10 players (1 teams)**
- **18U: 4 players (hoping for at least 10 for one team)**
  
- **Buddy Ball: 8 players, 15 buddies (registration extended to the end of March)**

Traci also reported that evaluations for the 10 and 12U divisions are now officially scheduled for Saturday mornings (1/16, 1/23 and 1/30) from 8:00 – 10:00 AM at AIC. She also advised that the softball draft for all divisions will be held on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Villas. Times TBA.

We currently have four 8U coaches confirmed and are still in need of one more coach.

Traci reported that the DBHS girls will help us with a clinic, and in addition to that, we'll hold some of our own clinics – particularly for our younger 8U girls. More info will come on those clinics as we get confirmation of gym time, etc.

**Sponsorships/Fundraisers:**

The 2010 Sponsorship packet is on-line, in the Document Center of our website. Mike asked for 6-8 volunteers to join him on a Sponsorship Committee, with the task of calling and/or stopping by local businesses and asking them to support our league via team sponsorships. Anyone interested should see Mike for more details. Mike also asked everyone to talk to folks they know who might be interested in sponsoring a team.

Mike had previously been in touch with Mascaro Waste Management and was working with them regarding a possible field sponsorship. Lindsey Mascaro, Community Relations Director for Mascaro, indicated an interest in assisting, but said all their sponsorship money was put on hold until April. Mike will follow-up with Lindsey at that time.

Mike thanked Dave Guadagno for sending a letter to State Representative Kessler regarding a possible grant for our youth sports organization. Dave said he sent a blanket letter to Mr. Kessler with a request to contact our board with a request for any information needed to be considered for a possible grant.

**Field/Equipment Updates:**

We're hoping to get 6 loads of dirt dumped at our various fields while the ground is still frozen. Mike Dekker will talk to Rob Kurtz at *Solid Rock Landscaping* and see what his thoughts and availability are for spreading the dirt once it is dropped.

T-ball fields were addressed. Coaches asked if the weeds could be controlled between seasons. It was confirmed that since the T-ball fields are on school grounds, no chemicals may be used to control the weed growth.

Lisa Miller advised that the Township gave permission for the dugouts at the fields to be painted, they just need to see a "mock-up" of the artwork. Beth Yoder, who is spearheading this project, will provide the artwork to Lisa.

**Spring Registration:**

Registration has been extended to 1/31/10. Mike asked all coaches and division commissioners from last season to send emails to their teams reminding them of this registration deadline.

Our Logistics Coordinator, Tony Corley, is currently out of town on business, but will provide an update on registration, including the number of kids registered so far, at the next meeting.

Mike indicated that evaluations for the Rookies, Minors and Majors will be announced once registration is completed and we secure gym time. He provided the tentative dates of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the DBYS board met with members of the BYB board regarding kids who reside in Birdsboro's territory but play for DBYS. We advised the BYB board that last year there was a total of 16 kids to played for DBYS, but technically resided in BYB territory. BYB is supposed to call the families of these players and come to a resolution with them personally. To date, we have not received feedback from BYB on how those phone calls are going and what resolution, if any, has been reached.

Mike briefly discussed the 12U Diamond League that is forming. Since DBYS is not affiliated to this Diamond League, he could not provide many details or address the questions that members of the organization asked about it. He did indicate that we will not compromise DBYS and that this team will not use our fields. He said he learned that they will play on the MS fields at 70' bases.

**Important Dates:**

Evaluations for the 2010 season will be held in February and March. We just need to confirm school and gym availability before we can advertise the exact dates and times.

Opening Day will be Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 2010! We will schedule Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> as a second picture day for Buddy Ball and other teams who aren't available for pictures at Opening Day.

Field Clean Up Day – Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>! Need as much help as possible getting the fields ready for Opening Day!

**Tournament Dates:**

Mike announced and reviewed the following upcoming tournament dates that DBYS will host in 2010:

- **June 25<sup>th</sup>: Districts: Will host either 8U, 10U or 12U**
- **July 9<sup>th</sup>: Districts: Will host either 9U or 11U**
- **July 9<sup>th</sup>: 14U Softball Tournament (tentative) at Township**
- **July 16<sup>th</sup>: States: 10U Host**
- **July 23<sup>rd</sup>: States: Will host either 9U or 11U**

Mike also announced the following dates and locations of the 2010 State Baseball Tournaments (Districts is yet TBD):

- **8U: Open**
- **9U: BYB**
- **10U: DBYS**
- **11U: Audubon**
- **12U: Spring-Ford**

Camille agreed to add all of the dates and locations above to our website.

**New Business:**

Committees are currently forming and volunteers are needed for the following:

- League and Division Commissioners
- Field Director
- Sponsorships
- Uniforms
- Opening Day
- Snack Bar
- Tournament Director

Mike asked that anyone interested in volunteering let him, or any member of the board know. A league notice requesting volunteers for the same roles was sent prior to the meeting.

Mike also made a motion for an addition/addendum to one of our current by-laws. The by-law, labeled Article III, Section 2, currently reads:

***“Officers are nominated at the May and June meetings. They are voted on with a majority vote, which takes place at the June meeting. An officer’s term is for a two-year period.”***

Mike made the motion to add the following to the by-law:

***“The newly elected board will transition working in conjunction with the existing board, until August 1<sup>st</sup>. The newly elected board’s two year term will officially begin August 1<sup>st</sup>.”***

It was decided by everyone that this addendum would help the new board transition well into their term, help them through the busy tournament season and allow for more volunteers to assist at the fields throughout the summer months.

The first vote to approve this by-law addendum was unanimous.

**Rule Changes:**

No new rule change suggestions were made at this time. The board and those in attendance spent the remainder of the evening reviewing, approving, and working through the verbiage for the approved changes to the rules for 2010. The updated 2010 rules for each baseball division can be found in the Document Center of our website. Please feel free to review these important changes.

Due to meeting time constraints, we will review and discuss suggested “guideline” changes at the February meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

Our February meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th, in the AIC cafeteria. The Softball portion of the meeting will begin at 6:00 PM, with the general meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.

The Sponsorship Committee will meet prior to the meeting at 6:15 PM.